

## Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

Director's Conference Room  
3839 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 209, Phoenix, AZ 85012  
November 17, 2011 – 2:00 p.m.

### **Committee Members Present**

Randy Meyer, Chair  
Paul Clark, Vice-Chair\*  
John Aldecoa  
Martin Badegian\*  
George Cushing\*  
Kathy Pearce\*  
Jody Reidenhour\*  
Thomas Troxell\* (2:50 pm)  
Stanley Zeitz

### **Committee Members Absent**

Larry Brown  
Carol Culbertson  
*Open*  
Robert Barnes, ADVS Deputy Director

*\* Participated in the meeting by teleconference*

### **MFRF Committee Staff**

Travis Schulte, ADVS/MFRF

Assistant Arizona Attorney General - Invited

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Meyer called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. John Aldecoa moved to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on October 20, 2011 as written and the motion carried unanimously.

## **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Chairman Meyer read and discussed the Advisory Committee's Disclosure Policy. Advisory Committee members must disclose their knowledge of an applicant to the Advisory Committee during the consideration process. Knowledge of an applicant that benefits all members of the Advisory Committee during the consideration process does not create a conflict of interest. If an Advisory Committee member has knowledge of an applicant and has a vested interest in the outcome of the Committee's findings or seeks to benefit or gain from a vote on a particular application, he/she is required to recuse his or herself from consideration of that applicant as it creates a conflict of interest.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Meyer moved the meeting to executive session at 2:12 p.m. to discuss MFRF applications that are, according to ARS 41-608.04.E., confidential. Executive Session is allowable under ARS 41-608.04.E.

## **APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Chairman Meyer returned the meeting to public session at 2:41 p.m. to vote on applications:

1. 2011E **June F** – George Cushing moved to recommend approval of \$1,436.13 as submitted for assistance with past due child support and one month's electricity bill and auto payment. John Aldecoa seconded the motion. Per discussion, Committee Members expressed concern for further assistance with child support without documentation that applicant has attempted to petition the court to halt or modify payment obligations as applicant is unemployed. Consensus agreed it would be necessary to demonstrate applicant has made efforts with the court for any future consideration. George Cushing amended his motion to recommend approval of assistance as submitted with the stipulation that any future request for child support assistance will require documentation that applicant has petitioned the court to modify child support payments. John Aldecoa seconded the motion and the motion carried five ayes to two nays.

2. 2011C **October J** – John Aldecoa moved to recommend approval of \$7,140.80 as submitted for assistance with past due rent and two months of rent, natural gas, water, sewer, electricity, phone service, and auto repairs minus air conditioning repairs. Stanley Zietz seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
3. 2011C **November B** – Martin Badegian moved to recommend that the application be declined based on no evidence of deployment related hardship. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
4. 2011C **November C** – John Aldecoa moved to recommend that the application be declined based on no evidence of deployment related hardship. George Cushing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
5. 2011C **November E** – Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend approval of \$2,310.84 as submitted for three months assistance as submitted for electricity, gas, water, spring and auto insurance; minus cable and property taxes. George Cushing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## **MARKETING REPORTS**

Travis Schulte announced that the ClubCorp Charity Classic raised over \$43,000 with a final report to come at the end of the month. The MFRF and AZ Heroes to Hometowns are beneficiaries of this event.

Travis Schulte attended the Paradise Valley Veterans Appreciate Vintage Car Show on 12 Nov, and proceeds of the show will benefit MFRF.

Paul Clark announced his attendance at the ClubCorp Charity Golf Classic and Concert/BBQ on the Lawn on 5 Nov and presentation to Horizon Church on 13 Nov.

Randy Meyer announced there was an article in AmVets Magazine - Fall 2011 Edition pg 28 on the Second Ranger Battalion Assistance Foundation which acts similar to MFRF. Meyer may pursue having an article in AmVets for MFRF. The article can be found online at <http://www.cenveomobile.com/issue/45540/29>

Travis Schulte announced that there is currently \$2.5 million in the Military Family Relief Fund, and has received approximately \$200,000 in donations to date. The vast majority of the donations come during the month of December.

## **CALL TO PUBLIC**

No public attendance.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

John Aldecoa moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting. Stanley Zetiz seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2011 in the Director's Conference Room at 2 pm.